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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KOICHI SAKAMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SHEVIN, MARK L.  
SERIAL NO: 10/564,061 :  
FILED: JANUARY 10, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793  
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH :  
CLEANNESS STEEL EXCELLENT IN  
FATIGUE STRENGTH OR COLD  
WORKABILITY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks that follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.